

Town of Shirley
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Monday June 28, 2021

County of Piscataquis, s.s.

To: Geneva Beckwith; a resident in the Town of Shirley, in said country.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Shirley, qualified to vote in the town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday, 28th of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One, at six o'clock pm to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting: **Beth Macu 3 votes**

ARTICLE 2. To elect the necessary officers:

- A. One Selectman (3-year term) **Kirk Hamilton with 20 votes**
- B. Town Treasurer: **Linda Hamilton with 19 votes**
- C. Tax Collector: **Geneva Beckwith 20 votes**
- D. One School Board member (3-year term) **Wendi O'Connor with 20 votes**
- E. One School board Member (3-year term) **Angie Madore with 21 votes**
- F. Sexton: **Greg Young with 19 votes**
- G. Assessors and Overseers of the Poor: **Selectmen with 20 votes**
- H. Road Commissioner: **Selectmen with 21 votes**

ARTICLE 3 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$342,994.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$342,994.00 |

ARTICLE 4 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$7,200.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$7,200.00 |

ARTICLE 5 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to

expend for Career and Technical Education. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 6 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Education. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 7 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 8 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$27,675.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$27,675.00 |

ARTICLE 9 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 10 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$23,540.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$23,540.00 |

ARTICLE 11 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 12 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 13 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures - School Lunch. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$0.00 |

ARTICLE 14 To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described for the total cost of in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**Recommended \$202,188.08**) and to see what the sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15688. **Accepted with 22 votes**

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| STATUTORY RECOMMENDATION | \$202,188.00 |
| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$202,188.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$202,188.08 |

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 15 To see what sum the Town of Shirley will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$146,316.33**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$146,316.33** as required to fund the budget recommended by the Shirley School Committee.

The Shirley School Committee recommends **\$146,316.33** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the

State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$146,316.33.**

The EPS funding model is based on teacher/student ratios, this impacts small rural schools because they are required to provide The same level of educational services to a smaller population of students. **Accepted with 21 votes**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$146,316.33 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$146,316.33 |

***Explanation:** The additional local funds are those locally raised funds contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non- state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town's budget for educational programs.*

ARTICLE 16 ***Summary Article:***

To see what sum the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Accepted with 21 votes

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | \$401,409.00 |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | \$401,409.00 |

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town of Shirley will authorize the School Committee to expend in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 any unanticipated state school general federal, local or state purpose aid that it may receive for the fiscal year. **Accepted**

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| SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS | Approval |
| SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS | Approval |

ARTICLE 18 The voters of Shirley School Department have authorized the school committee to use all, or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to decrease the local cost of share expectations, as defined in Title 20-A Section 15671-A (1)(B) for local taxpayers for funding public education by the school committee. **Accepted**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS **Approval**
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS **Approval**

ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town of Shirley authorize the Selectboard to transfer and expend 14,226.36 from the education technology reserve fund for the purchase of business software updates for school finance. **Accepted**

A TRUE ATTEST Copy

Town Clerk **Date**

ARTICLE 20 To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for **General Government.**

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| 1 st Selectman | 2,000.00 |
| 2 nd Selectman | 1,800.00 |
| 3 rd Selectman | 1,800.00 |
| Road Commissioner | 300.00 |
| Town Clerk Wage expense | 17,000.00 |
| Treasurer | 8,000.00 |
| Tax Collector | 8,000.00 |
| Sexton | 300.00 |
| Librarian | 300.00 |
| Training Expense | 1,000.00 |
| Planning Board Wage Expense | 1,000.00 |
| Other wage Expense | 800.00 |
| Total Salaries Accepted | 42,300.00 |

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| General Assistance Expense | 1,500.00 |
| Shirley Library Expense | 500.00 |
| Planning Board Expense | 300.00 |
| Assessing Agent Expense | 3,500.00 |
| Administrative Expense | 12,500.00 |
| Insurance Expense | 10,000.00 |
| Appeals Board Expense | 150.00 |
| Computer Expense | 4,000.00 |
| Legal Expense | 1,500.00 |
| Honor Roll Expense | 100.00 |
| Audit Expense | 7,000.00 |
| Flags, Flowers & Memorial Expense | 1,200.00 |
| Shirley Historical Society | 500.00 |
| Travel & Mileage Reimbursement | 500.00 |
| Electricity Expense Town Buildings | 1,500.00 |
| Heating Fuel Expense | 3,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,250.00 |
| Training & Workshop Dues & Fees | 700.00 |

Subtotal General Government **49,700.00**

Recommended: **49,700.00**

Accepted

ARTICLE 21

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Protection.**

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| Fire Warden | 300.00 |
| Street Lighting Expense | 3,000.00 |
| Fire Protection Services (Greenville) | 11,800.00 |

Subtotal Contracted Services **15,100.00**

Recommended: **15,100.00**

Accepted

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Works.**

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| Winter Roads Expense | 72,000.00 |
| Trash Pick-up | 24,600.00 |
| Recycling Expense | 5,000.00 |
| Shirley Cemetery Expense | 3,000.00 |
| Old Dump Site Maintenance Expense | 0.00 |
| Future Roads Rebuild Expense | 60,000.00 |
| General Town Maintenance Expense | 4,000.00 |
| Closing Landfill Expense | 2,375.00 |

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| Summer Roads Expense | 45,000.00 |
| Building Permit Expense | 300.00 |
| Town Mowing | 1,800.00 |
| Maintenance Expense | 7,500.00 |
| Animal control | 500.00 |
| Subtotal Public Works | 226,075.00 |
| Recommended: | 226,075.00 |
| | Accepted |

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to take \$45,000.00 From Excise Taxes to help fund the Summer Roads Expense account and reduce taxes.

Recommended: **45,000.00**
Accepted

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date. Sept. 30th 2021 and interest starts Oct. 1st 2021.

Recommended: **Interest Rate of 6.00%**
Accepted

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept money in anticipation of taxes. **Accepted**

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to accept Agent fees collected by the Tax Collector and disburse those fees back to the Tax Collector in salary. **Accepted**

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Agent fees collected from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (hunting, fishing) licenses sold and the Town Clerk fees from Vital Records and Dog Licenses sold and put those fees back into salaries to offset the secretary's salary. **Accepted**

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept any State, Federal or other government grants, or donations were made. **Accepted**

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town of Shirley authorize the Select Board to transfer and appropriate **\$2,000.00** into the Town of Shirley technology contingency fund for the of purchase business software updates. **Accepted**

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to take money from surplus to reduce taxes and, if so, how much.

Recommended: **\$100,000.00**
Accepted

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below that are provided by the State Legislature:

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| Estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing: | 16,851.95 |
| Estimated Homestead Exemption Reimbursement: | 22,368.50 |
| General Assistance funds: | Recommended accept |
| State Grants or other funds: | Recommended accept Accepted |

ARTICLE 32

To see if the town will vote to purchase a fireproof safe for the Town Office.

Recommended: **5,000.00**
Accepted

ARTICLE 33

To see if the town will vote to purchase a heating system for the fire department building.

Recommended: **5,000.00**
Opposed

ARTICLE 34

Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Shirley Marijuana Establishments Ordinance" be enacted? **Accepted**

ARTICLE 35

Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Shirley Marijuana Licensing Ordinance" be enacted?
Accepted

ARTICLE 36

To see if the town will vote to continue to plow the southern end of the Blanchard Road.
Opposed

ARTICLE 37

Shall the Town of Shirley authorize the Select Board to remove the streetlight at 195 West Rd. **Opposed with 6 votes**

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to authorize **\$2,500.00** in donations for the following Non-profit Organizations: **Accepted**

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| Local Food Pantry | 127.00 |
| American Red Cross of Maine | 150.00 |
| Northern Light Ambulance | 1,000.00 |
| Community Health and Counseling Services | 168.00 |
| Eastern Area Agency on Aging | 100.00 |
| Penquis | 172.00 |
| Pine Tree Hospice | 50.00 |
| Shaw Public Library | 500.00 |
| The LifeFlight Foundation | 233.00 |

Selectmen of the Town of Shirley

Norman Beckwith

David Thorp

Kirk Hamilton

Return of the Warrant

County of Piscataquis s. s.

I certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Shirley of the time and place of the Annual Town Meeting by posting an attested copy at the within Warrant at the house of the Tax Collector Geneva Beckwith and the Shirley Town Office, a conspicuous public place within the Town of Shirley on **Monday June 21st, 2021**, which is seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at the Town of Shirley _____
